

REMARKS

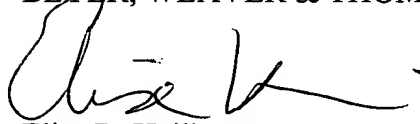
Group I is related to distributing data for use in a product catalog, Group II is related to capturing data for use in a product catalog, Group III is related to querying a catalog database, and Group IV is related to a data structure for use in collecting, distributing or storing product data suitable for use in a catalog.

Even if the claims are drawn to patentably distinct or independent inventions, MPEP § 803 provides that “[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.” Although the scope of the claims of Groups I-IV varies and Applicant agrees that the claims are patentably distinct, many of the claimed features are similar. For example, each of the claims in Groups I-IV relates to implementing a multi-lingual catalog system. Accordingly, although it is acknowledged that the inventions of Groups I-IV are patentably distinct, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not unduly burden the examiner to simultaneously examine the claims of Groups I-IV.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. GDT1P003).

Respectfully submitted,
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